

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: Snow House Inventory Number: M:11-32
Address: 27214 Ridge Road City: Damascus Zip Code: 20872
County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Damascus
Owner: Snow Family Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 114 Tax Map Number: FY Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: Woodfield Road (CR 124) Extension Agency: Mo. Co. Dept. of Pub. Wrks. And Transp.
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: *Historic Resources Determination of Eligibility Report-Woodfield Rd.*

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

Architectural Description

The Snow House is located at 27214 Ridge Road, north of Damascus. The main house, built ca. 1902, is a two-story, three-bay, gable roofed frame house with a central cross gable on the east façade. The house is set back from the road at the end of a short gravel drive. The house stands on a concrete block foundation and is covered with pebble dash stucco. The Snow House is built on a T plan with a two-story rear ell. The three gable ends are clad with shingle siding in a sawtooth pattern and are trimmed with jig-sawn woodwork. A one-story porch wraps around the south and east elevations. The south end of this porch has been enclosed and has modern metal 9/9 double hung sash windows. Most other windows have 2/2 double-hung sash and there is a central entrance on the east. There is a secondary entrance on the south. To the west of the house is a small, stuccoed frame shed, probably contemporary with the house.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

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Comments: _____

[Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

2/11/04
Date

[Signature]
Reviewer, NR Program

2/19/04
Date

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NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Continuation Sheet No. 1

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Also on the property is a portion of a bank barn also trimmed with jig-sawn woodwork. This barn was altered by the addition of a large cinderblock barn on the east. Between the barn and the Snow House is a ca. 1975 two-story brick house with two-story front porch.

Evaluation

This property shares most of its history with the Perry Watkins House property and stands on a portion of the "Friendship" property purchased by the Moxley family of Claggetttsville between 1795 and 1802. The property consisted of approximately 500 acres located on both sides of Ridge Road north of Damascus. At some point in the mid-19th century, this parcel was sold to Jeremiah Watkins, a farmer. In 1862, the land was sold to Perry Watkins by Grafton Watkins, executor for Jeremiah Watkins (Deed Book JA 36, page 23). There is no building shown at this location on either the 1865 Martenet or 1879 Hopkins maps of Montgomery County. In 1892, 75 acres "on the west side of the Public Road leading from Damascus to Claggetttsville and adjoining the lands of the late Elisha Etchinson" were conveyed to Robert Watkins. An 1893 tax assessment lists \$400 worth of improvements. In 1901, the property was sold by Robert Watkins to Frances Elizabeth Becraft (Deed Book TD 2, page 364). In 1919, the land was sold by owner Franklin Beall to J. Leslie Woodfield (Deed Book 284, page 66). In 1919, the improvements on this tract included a dwelling house and a barn, in addition to the tenant house (Perry Watkins House). The dwelling house may date from sometime after the land was purchased in 1902.

The Snow House is not associated with an individual, event, or pattern of event significant on the national, state, or local level and is not NRHP-eligible under Criterion A or B. Although in good condition, and possessing some decorative exterior trim, the Snow House is an unexceptional example of a common building type in the Damascus area and is not NRHP-eligible under Criterion C.

Prepared by: Geoffrey B. Henry

Date Prepared: February 2003

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ca. 1902
Damascus
Private

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. M: 11-32

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Snow House

other

2. Location

street and number 27214 Ridge Road

N/A not for publication

city, town Damascus

___ vicinity

county Montgomery

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Snow family

street and number c/o 27214 Ridge Road

telephone

city, town Damascus

state MD

zip code 20872

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse

liber folio

city, town Rockville

tax map FY

tax parcel 114

tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☒ Other: Maryland Historical Trust

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
___ district	___ public	___ agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___ landscape	2 1 buildings
___ structure	___ both	___ commerce/trade	0 0 sites
___ site		___ defense	0 0 structures
___ object		<u>X</u> domestic	0 0 objects
		___ education	2 1 Total
		___ funerary	
		___ government	
		___ health care	
		___ industry	
		___ recreation/culture	
		___ religion	
		___ social	
		___ transportation	
		___ work in progress	
		___ unknown	
		___ vacant/not in use	
		___ other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
X <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates 1902

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1902

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

History

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Deed records: Liber 4389, folio 433

Martenet (1865) and Hopkins (1879) Maps of Montgomery County4

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 4.08acres

Acreage of historical setting

Quadrangle name Damascus

Quadrangle scale:

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is shown in a survey contained in Deed Book 4389, page 433 and includes the property associated with the main house on the property.

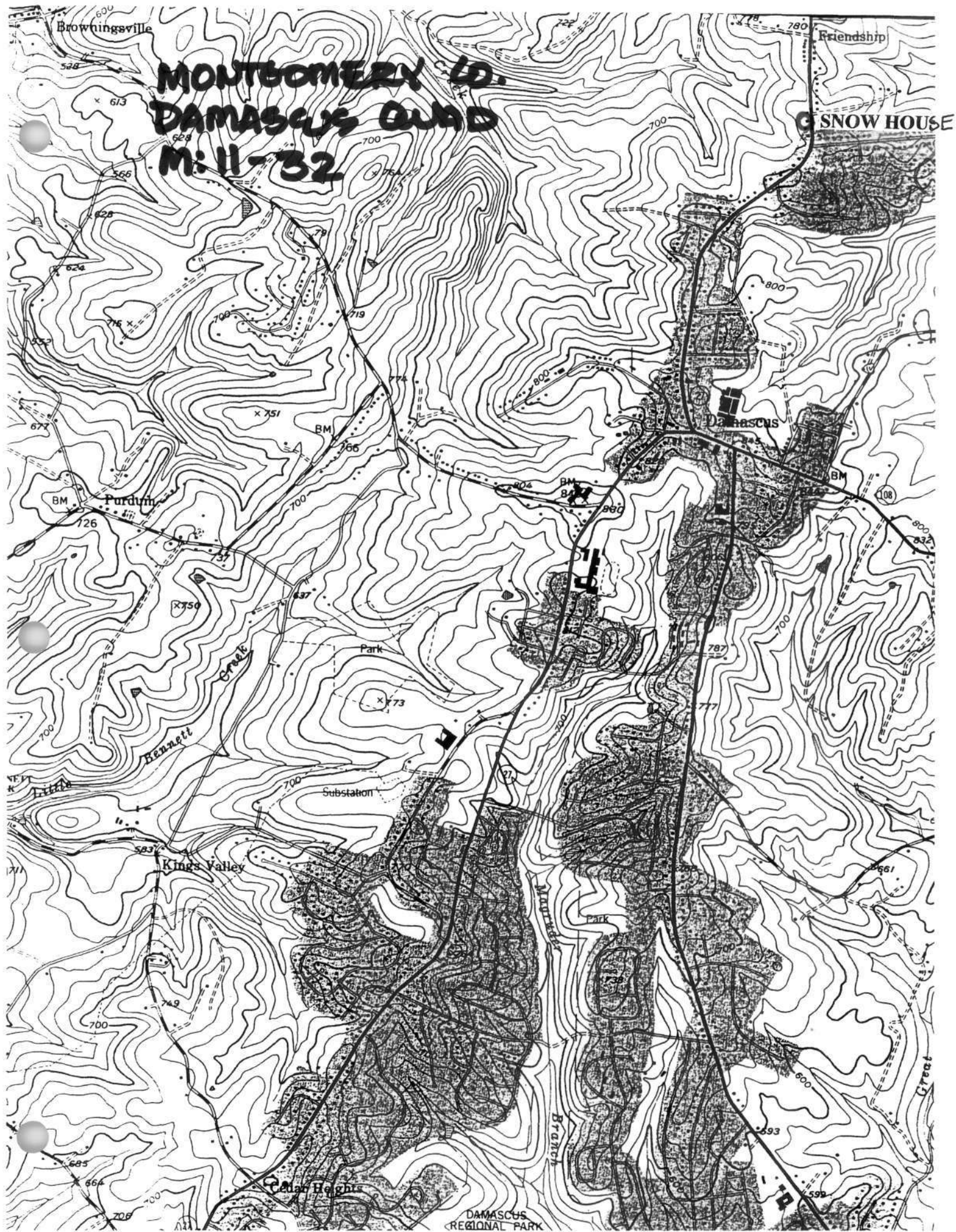
11. Form Prepared by

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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